



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs

Hoping many of you were able to enjoy some walks during walking week!

Club reminders:

- This is the month to complete your 1st quarter participation reports online to AVA. I do receive reminders for clubs that are close to the deadline and will forward to clubs as a reminder. Late fees are not good for anyone.
- As you travel to walks and find stamps “weak” please do not put ink on Gel Stamps. Gel stamps need to be worked a little to come “alive” again after a period of non-use. Gel pads are the type of pad recommended for our thin stamp strips that we currently have. Ink does not absorb and creates a gummy situation on the stamp image and ink will leak to other places such as the user’s hands. Be certain to completely close the stamp pad.
- Be sure to fill out your club delegate form and mail as requested for the AVA Membership Meeting to take place via Zoom June 14, 2023. If your club did not receive a form, please contact AVA Board Secretary Cecillia Miner at secretary@ava.org

Report from Board of Directors Meeting 4-12-2023:

- Preliminary Report from IVV Olympiad shows some loss but additional funds and deposits are coming in. Full report will be coming soon.
- Proposed Convention Cruise. No club has stepped up to host the next AVA Biennial Convention for 2025. Committee is looking at a possible cruise with stops for walking, maybe an onboard meeting. Suggested route to include Ottawa, CA IML event in Oct to Freedom Fest IML event, stopping along the coast for Convention Walks. Committee members offered other suggestions. Our governing documents require the annual meeting in Apr-June as new officers start on July 1. More to come.
- Board discussion of revenue: Several RD’s who had polled their regions clubs had varying opinions and not many solutions. Focus group will gather data before moving forward on any change.
- Board approved the revised AVA Policy Documents (Trailmaster still in work). And will be posted shortly to AVA website.

Motions submitted by NW Region:

- Motion for pilot program to use Sticky Labels in place of ordering rubber stamps: Discussion was held and great input from our IT folks. Pricing of the paper could be substantially reduced using bulk purchase by AVA. Trials will include IT folks revising the “full Page” stamp images for Avery full page product that needs to be cut to the 75 stamps per page that the Maestro Product allows. Details will be coming.

- Motion for all YREs to be in either PSB or OSB by the end of the year was rejected as 1 club insists on having their own start box that is different. Second part of motion to have all walks in OSB (and PSB where available) also was not feasible as some regions have no one that is able to enter the walks in the OSB. Encouragement for clubs to have their walks in OSB will continue.
- Motion to have books for Swim Events and Snowshoe/Cross Country Ski events also failed as costs would not make it feasible. Suggestion was to do AVA Special Programs for books or a State Organization create a Special Program.

The Future Event Calendar is filling up with many new areas to walk in. Be sure to get your club's future walks on the calendar even if you only have preliminary information available so you can reserve the date you need.

Latest NW Pathfinder: <http://www.esva.online/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/March-April-2023-Online-Version.pdf>

This is a great time to plan AVA travel with your clubs and friends. There are many multi-day events coming up or you could plan a mini trip more locally to do walks where you have not gone before.

Here is a list of other multi-day travel events to add to your calendar:

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| April 13-16, 2023, | Silver City, NM https://suncountrystriders.wordpress.com/blog/ |
| April 21-23, 2023, | NW Hiking Weekend, Othello WA https://fourplushikers.weebly.com/nw-hiking-weekend-othello.html |
| May 3-8, 2023, | Vancouver Island Spring Walks
https://www.dropbox.com/s/gs1ya5o7jg32ov8/Island%20Walks%20Spring%202023.pdf?dl=0 |
| May 20-21, 2023, | Surrey Trekkers Un-Marathon
https://www.dropbox.com/s/3gdsx5292jyvzbg/BLAST%20FROM%20THE%20PAST.pdf?dl=0 |
| May 25-28, 2023 | **Please note: The Shady Cove Events on the list in May are a joint effort by Rogue Valley Club and CRVC to do walks in the area. There are no socials planned. Please contact them if interested. |
| Aug 12, 2023, | International Friendship Walk – Meet at the Peace Arch at the Canadian/US Border
Brenda Dudfield of Surrey Trekkers is planning a mapped walk and Tamara Belts of NW Tulip Trekkers are planning to walk a YR in Blaine in the afternoon. Make your plans! |
| | Sat Aug 12, 2023 - Surrey - Peace Arch Provincial Park Friendship Walk
MW - 5/10 - STVC - Rating: 1B
Start Time: 10:00 am
Start Location: Picnic Area, Beach Road and Highway 99
Postal Code: V3S 9N8
Host: Terri and Peter: surreytrekkersbc@gmail.com
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| | https://www.meetup.com/nw-tulip-trekkers-walking-club/events/290923889/ |
| Sept 14-17, 2023, | Central Oregon https://www.walking4fun.org/central-oregon-2023.html |
| Sept 22-24, 2023, | Vancouver BC – Walk fest https://vancouverventurers.com/walkfest-2023rev1/ |
| May 24-26, 2024, | Canadian Festival in Kingston, Ontario http://walks.ca/cvf-fcv-2022-festival/ |
| Sept 2024 | NW Regional Conference – Location TBD |

PLEASE VISIT THE AVA SITE FOR ADDITIONAL WALKFEST INFO:
<https://my.ava.org/find-a-fest.php>

See you on the trail!

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